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Title: INSTANT MESSAGING ACCOUNT SYSTEM

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 24 pages, including 4 independent claims and 8 claims total.
2. Drawings - 4 sheets of informal drawings containing 4 figures.
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$710	\$ 710.00
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4. A check for \$790.00 is enclosed. The fee includes

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on International Application No. PCT/SG00/00068, filed May 10, 2000 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/202,864, filed May 10, 2000.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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